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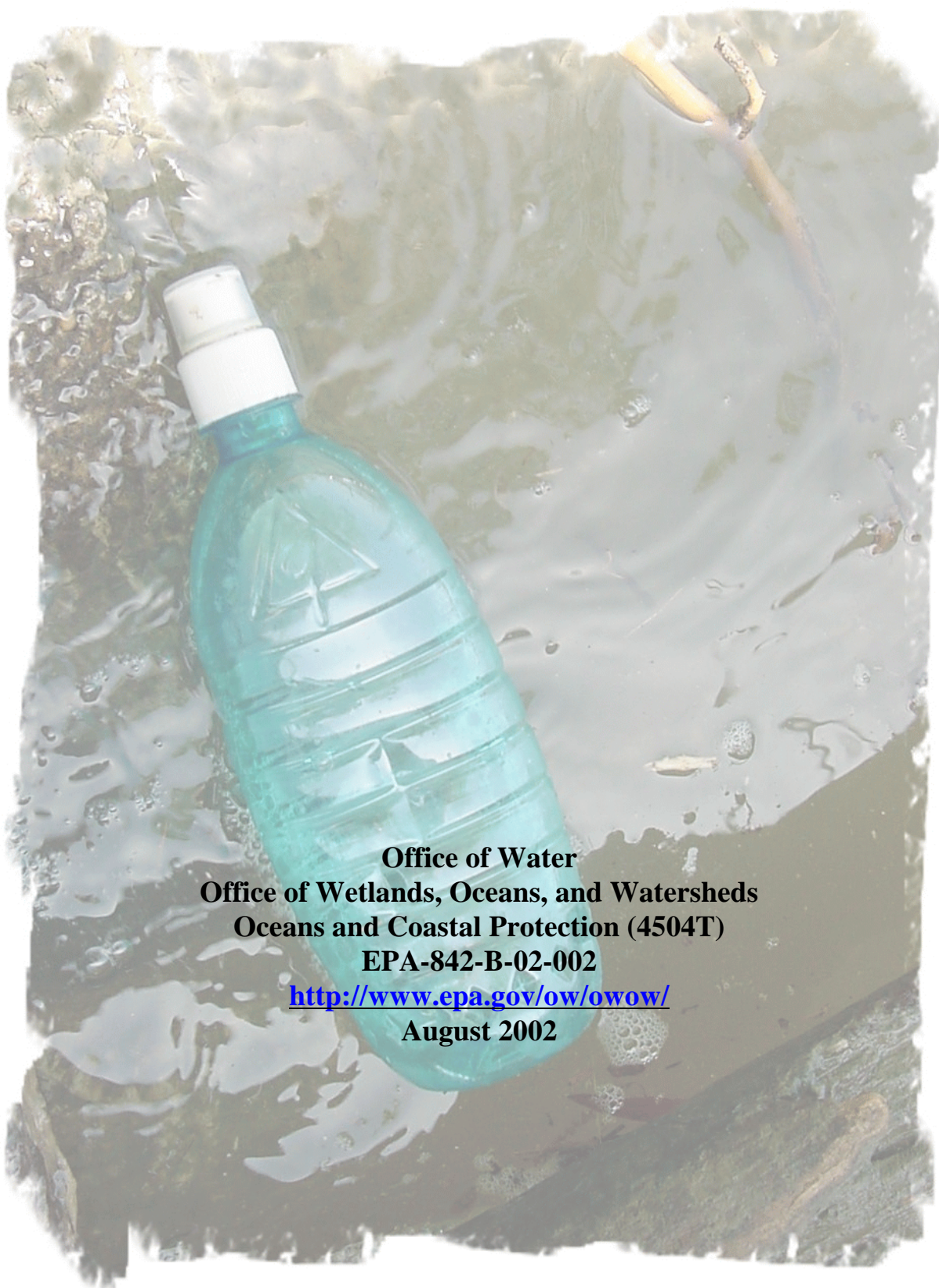
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Glossary

Coastal recreation waters	[As defined in the Clean Water Act, as amended by the BEACH Act], the Great Lakes and marine coastal waters (including coastal estuaries) that are designated under section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act by a state for use for swimming, bathing, surfing, or similar water contact activities. Coastal recreation waters do not include either inland waters or waters upstream of the mouth of a river or stream having an unimpaired natural connection with the open sea.
Coastal watershed	A geographic area that starts at the headwaters of the streams and rivers that ultimately drain to the coastal areas. Headwaters often include wetlands, which are typically adjacent to rivers or streams. Upon reaching coastal areas, rivers empty into estuaries. Nearshore waters (the areas directly offshore from the beach), offshore coral reefs (in tropical areas), and other offshore areas are also part of the coastal watershed (USEPA, 1998a).
Floatable debris	Waterborne waste material that is buoyant. Examples include wood, beach litter, street litter, sewage-related wastes, fishing gear, and medical wastes (Gaugler, 1999).
Marine debris (litter)	Solid materials of human origin that are discarded at sea or reach the sea through waterways or domestic and industrial outfalls (NAS, 1975).

Acronyms

BEACH Act	Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act
CCMP	Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan
CMC	Center for Marine Conservation
CWA	Clean Water Act
CSO	combined sewer overflow
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
HEP	Harbor Estuary Program
ICCC	International Coastal Cleanup Campaign
LISS	Long Island Sound Study
MARPOL Convention	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution by Ships
MPPRCA	Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act
MPRSA	Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act
NEP	National Estuary Program
NJDEP	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
NMDMP	National Marine Debris Monitoring Program
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NYSDEC	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
POTW	publicly owned treatment works
SJBE	San Juan Bay Estuary
SMBRP	Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project
SPA	Shore Protection Act
SPI	Society of the Plastics Industries, Inc.
SWD	storm water discharge
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
USACE	United. States. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S.C.	United States Code
USCG	United States Coast Guard
WPCP	water pollution control plant



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